(d) India follows an open sky and open door policy. Any number of Pakistani films, music videos can be bought in the Indian markets at any given time. India has unilaterally undertaken visa liberalization measures last year, which, *inter alia,* included multiple entry visas for accredited journalists without pre-vetting and with exemption from police reporting.

(e) It is for the Government of Pakistan to take a decision in the matter.

Entertainment tax on cinemas

1502. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the Uttar Pradesh Government's recent erroneous decisions for allowing some particular cinemas to run without entertainment tax (Tax Free) in all the theatres/ cinemas halls of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, Government's response and reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government are considering to review the current rules and regulations for waiving of entertainment tax to some particular cinemas by advising to all the State Governments;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) No, Sir. As per entry No. 33 in the State List given in the Seventh schedule of the Constitution of India, 'theatres and dramatic performances; cinemas subject to the provisions of entry 60 of List I; sports, entertainments and amusements' are subjects falling within the purview of the State Government.

Entry 60 of List I, the Union List of the Constitution of India gives subject under the Central Government states: 'Sanctioning of cinematograph films for exhibition'.

(b) to (e) In the recently concluded 25th State Information Minister's Conference (SIMCON), discussions were held, *inter alia,* on the issue of entertainment tax. During the Conference, there was consensus on the

need to bring down entertainment tax levels to 25-30%. This meeting was also attended by a senior Minister of Government of Uttar Pradesh.

TV transmitter at Basot in Uttaranchal

1503. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the TV transmitter at Basot (Bhikyasain) in Uttaranchal is not working for the last six months;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken to ensure that the same start working; and

(d) by when, the said transmitter would start working?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI
S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Draft uplinking policy for TV channels

1504. SHRI B:J. PANDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have worked out a draft uplinking policy for TV channels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the DD channels are proposed to be allowed to telecast sports events of national interest on its network even if private channels have successfully bid for telecast rights; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI
S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Government have constituted a Group of Ministers (GoM) to examine the proposal for Review of the existing Uplinking Policy and finalise its recommendations.